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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSRACT

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Allegation of certain financial irregularities while functioning as MPDO (FAC) Tuni Mandal East Godavari District –Disciplinary proceedings instituted against Smt. K.Sesha Ratnam, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Tuni Mandal, East Godavari District and now retired - Imposing the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.478 Dated:08.09.2021.

Read the following:-

1. E-fle No.516049/CPR&RD/G2/2016 of the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P. Vijayawada.
2. From the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District, Letter No.516049/DPR&RD/N1/2019, dt:8.11.2019.
3. Govt. Memo No.XPRR01-15023/29/2019, dt.10.07.2020.
4. From Commissioner, PR&RD, Lr.No.2387/CPR&RD/N1/2016, dt.29.04.2021.
5. Govt. Letter No.XPRR01-15023/29/2018, dt.29.06.2021.
6. From Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.374/DC&C/2021, dated.17.08.2021.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, it was brought to notice of the Government, based on the preliminary Inquiry Report submitted by the Accounts Officer, O/o ZPP, EG Dist. and report of the District Collector, the Commissioner, PR&RD has framed 3 Articles of charges against Smt. K.Sesha Ratnam, Extension Officer (PR&RD) under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 vide Charge Memo. No. 2387/CPR&RD/G2/2016, dt.13-04-2016 on the allegations of financial irregularities while functioning as MPDO (FAC), Tuni Mandal, East Godavari District. After examining the explanation of the Charged Officer, dt:30.4.2016, the Commissioner, PR&RD vide Procgs.No.1387/CPR&RD/G2/2016, Dt.17.10.2016 has appointed the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, East Godavari as Inquiring Authority to conduct enquiry on the charges framed against the charged officer.

2. The Inquiry Officer, submitted the inquiry report to the Commissioner, PR&RD stating that out of three charges, one charge was partially proved and the remaining two charges held not proved and the same was communicated to the charged officer on 27.6.2018 to submit her explanation if any, on the inquiry report. In the meantime she was retired from Service i.e., on 30.6.2018 A.N on attaining the age of superannuation and therefore the Director, PR&RD while forwarding the above record of the individual, has requested to take necessary action in the matter, since the Charged Officer is retired from service and Government is the competent authority in the matter.

3. Government, after examination of the matter, have taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year, since there is no misappropriation of funds and out of (3) charges, (2) charges are not held proved and only one charge is partly proved i.e, procedural irregularity. Accordingly, show cause notice is issued to her calling for her representation on the said proposed penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year vide reference 3rd read above.

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4. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner, PR&RD, AP, furnished the explanation of the Accused Officer, wherein she has reiterated her version already given before the Inquiry Officer, and requested to consider this as her first and last mistake and do not impose penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (1) year, as the inquiry report clearly states that she has not misused and not deviated funds which were sanctioned for the Janmabhoomi Programme and requested to communicate further orders on the show cause notice issued to her at an early date.

5. After examination of the explanation of the Charged Officer, it is decided to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year since no new grounds are found in her explanation to the show cause notice. In the reference 5th read above, the AP Public Service Commission is requested to communicate the concurrence of the Commission on the proposed penalty for imposing the same against the Charged Officer. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have concurred to impose the proposed punishment of Government i.e., penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year on her vide reference 6th read above.

6. After careful consideration of the matter, Government hereby impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year against Smt. K.Sesha Ratnam, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Tuni Mandal, East Godavari District and now retired under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 on the allegation of financial irregularities while functioning as Mandal Parishad Development Officer (FAC) Tuni Mandal East Godavari District.

7. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
Smt. K.Sesha Ratnam, the then Extension Officer (PR&RD), Tuni Mandal, East Godavari District and now retired **through the Commissioner**, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Tadeapalli, Guntur District .
The District Collector, East Godavari District.
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